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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN REFUGEES - ZAIRE, AND ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA

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1. RESPONDING TO QUESTION POSED PARA TWO REFTTEL, UNHCR OFFICIAL TOLD MISOFF TODAY THAT UNHCR NOT RPT NOT PLANNING SPECIAL APPEAL ON BEHALF ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE AT THIS TIME. IT CONSIDERS SITUATION QTE TEMPORARY UNQTE IN THAT REFUGEES SHOULD BE GOING BACK TO ANGOLA SOON, AS IT UNDERSTANDS THAT MPLA HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ALL ANGOLAN CITIZENS DESIRING TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER HOMES. THEREFORE, UNHCR PLANS TO COPE WITH PRESENT SITUATION UNDER ITS REGULAR PROGRAM.

2. UNHCR HAS, HOWEVER, URGED GOZ TO REQUEST WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) FOR APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE, EITHER THROUGH UNHCR OR UNDP, AND IT HAS PREPPED WFP IN ROME FOR THIS APPROACH, INDICATING ITS BACKING THUS FAR, HOWEVER, GOZ HAS FAILED TO LODGE REQUEST, ACCORDING TO UNHCR HEADQUARTERS HERE.

3. IN RELATED VEIN, OFFICIAL STATED THAT UNHCR HAD RESPONDED SOME DAYS AGO TO ANGOLAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH OFFER TO SEND HIGH LEVEL MISSION TO ANGOLA

ON MAR 8 OR 9. HOWEVER, ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT
YET RESPONDED TO SUGGESTION PROBABLY, IN UNHCR'S VIEW,
BECAUSE OF ITS PREOCCUPATION WITH PROBLEMS RELATED TO
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION. UNHCR ANTICIPATES, NONETHELESS,
THAT MISSION WILL GO FORWARD SHORTLY. MEANWHILE,
OFFICIAL ADDED, UNICEF PLANS TO SEND REP TO LUANDA
IN ABOUT TEN DAYS TO STUDY WAYS AND MEANS IN WHICH THAT
ORGANIZATION CAN ASSIST IN HUMANITARIAN EFFORT. DALE

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